Mr. I. N. Menon.—Since the work has been entrusted to a competent agency it is their work to advertise.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—If they do not sell the things, if they do not show sufficient progress in the sale, how can you find that out?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The most effective way with such an agency is to withdraw the custom.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.— Are the Government prepared to do that?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—If the necessity is found to do so. As it is they are given $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent commission on the sales.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government received complaints from their own officers that they could not purchase products made in the Industrial School owing to the high prices put on them?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There has not been any such complaint. There was some complaint in respect of one or two articles. Some officers say that these things could be purchased from the open market at a cheaper rate.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What is the total amount of sales?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Altogether Rs. 1,280 worth has been sold and the expenses comes to Rs. 300 and odd. We have got Rs. 900 worth of stock still pending sale. I am referring from the figures received last time.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Have they made a report of the articles that find a ready market in such and such places?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They have reported in respect of one or two articles as for instance in the matter of basket jars. 20,000 of them have so far been despatched to Europe.

The Maharaja's College—opening of the B. Sc. course.

213. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) what is the total amount of money which the University has asked the Government to spend as a condition of affiliation of the Maharaja's College in the B. Sc. courses;

(2) what is the special advantage of opening the B. Sc. course; for what professions will B. Sc. be preferred to B. A.'s.

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Non-recurring grant of Rs. 40,000.

Recurring grant. Rs. 16,000.

(2) The B. Sc. course gives a practical bias to Science subjects. Professional courses based on a scientific training can be entered into by B. Sc. students with greater advantage than B. A. students.

Co-operative Credit Societies.

214. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) (a) how many co-operative credit societies in the State went into liquidation in the last 3 years;

(b) which are they;

(c) did the share-holders of such societies get any portion of their share money as a result; if so, what was the maximum, what was the minimum and what was the average;

(2) (a) how many credit societies are there in existence at present;

(b) is the number of defaulters on the increase; if so, due to what causes;

(c) how many credit societies have declared dividends in the last 3 years; which are they;

(3) (a) how many non-credit societies are there in the State; what is the nature of their constitution;

(b) what is their present economic position;

(c) does any such society deal in collecting agricultural products from their members and carry them direct to the market; if not, has the Co-operative Department taken up the question of organising such societies with a view to get the profits of middle men for the societies and their members?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—(1) (a) 24.

(b)

1. Chellanam Co-operative Society
2. Vadavucode ,,
3. Elankunnapuzha Vala ,,
4. Cochin-Kanayannur Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd.
5. Arimpoor Vettuva Co-operative Society
6. Thonnurkara ,,

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